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ABSTRACT

The Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act requires institutions of higher education to disclose information about graduation and completion rates to current and prospective students. To be counted as a completion, a student must have graduated or transferred to a higher-level program within 150% of the normal time of completion, and have received substantial preparation for their new program. At Prince George's Community College (PGCC), in Maryland, African Americans in the 1986-1989 cohorts had an average completion rate of 12%. For Asian Americans, this figure was 32%, Hispanic Americans 22%, Native Americans 5%, White Americans 36%, and non-resident aliens 11%. In all racial/ethnic groups except Hispanic Americans, women had higher completion rates than men. Completion rates were also available for two cohorts of students receiving athletically related financial aid at PGCC: student athletes entering in 1989-90 (N=42) and those entering in 1990-91 (N=71). The highest completion rates were achieved by men receiving aid to play basketball or baseball, with 80% of these athletes graduating or transferring to a senior institution within 3 years of entering PGCC. The category with the lowest completion rate (47%) was women's "all other sports." Completion rates for each degree-seeking cohort and for student athletes by sport are presented in tabular form. (MAB)

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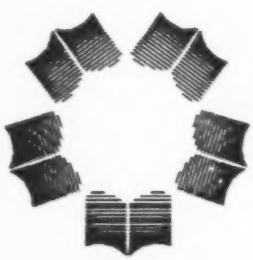

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Introduction

The Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act (Public Law 101-542), as amended by the Higher Education Technical Amendments of 1991 (Public Law 102-26), requires institutions of higher education to disclose information about graduation and completion rates to current and prospective students. Initial disclosure is required by July 1, 1993, despite the fact that final regulations will not have been issued by then. Institutions are to be guided by "Dear Colleague" letters, the notice of proposed rulemaking published in the Federal Register, and a draft Graduation Rates Survey, all issued by the Department of Education.

To be counted as a completion, a student must have graduated or transferred to "a higher level program for which the prior program provided substantial preparation" within 150 percent of the "normal" time to completion. This has been interpreted by the Department of Education to mean three years for Associate degree programs and 18 months for certificate programs.

Information systems staff at the Maryland Higher Education Commission provided the data presented in this report. Use of Commission data was considered the best available approach despite several limitations. These limitations included:

- Only transfers to Maryland public institutions can be traced. Transfers to independents or out-of-state institutions are counted in the attrition/unknown category.

- Commission data systems cannot report certificate completion at eighteen months, so twenty-four months was used.

Commission staff were guided in the design of their analysis by draft regulations published in the Federal Register on July 10, 1992, and by a draft Graduation Rates Survey form prepared by the National Center for Education Statistics. The latter form may be added to the IPEDS annual collection cycle in the future.

Completion Rates, 1986-89 Cohorts

The congressionally-mandated completion rates reflect graduation from the initial institution or transfer to a higher level program (here defined as transfer to a four-year institution; transfers to another two-year college are not counted) within 150 percent of normal time. Colleges that award athletically-related aid, such as PGCC, must report the average completion rate for the four most recent cohorts, categorized by race and sex. These average rates are presented in the following table. The completion rates are expressed as percentages. The numbers in parentheses are the numbers of students upon which the rates are based.

Student Right to Know Completion Rates All Degree-seeking Students Average of 1986 - 1989 Cohorts			
	Men	Women	Total
African American	11% (732)	13% (1,049)	12% (1,781)
Asian American	28% (110)	36% (116)	32% (226)
Hispanic American	25% (53)	20% (56)	22% (109)
Native American	0% (7)	7% (14)	5% (21)
White American	30% (945)	42% (1,025)	36% (1,970)
Nonresident Alien	7% (41)	17% (24)	11% (65)
Total	22% (1,888)	27% (2,284)	25% (4,172)

Individual cohort completion rates ranged from 23 to 26 percent. Detailed completion rate calculations for each cohort are appended.

Disclosures Regarding Student Athletes

Beginning July 1, 1993, when an institution offers a potential student athlete athletically related student aid (any financial assistance the terms of which require the recipient to participate in a program of intercollegiate athletics at the institution), the institution shall disclose to the potential student athlete and his or her parents, high school coach, and guidance counselor, the completion rates of earlier cohorts of student athletes, categorized by race, gender, and sport. The categories of sport are specified in the regulations as basketball, football, baseball, cross-country and track, and all other sports combined. Only students who receive athletically related aid at the time of enrollment are to be included in the cohorts tracked. Thus the disclosed completion rates are not for all athletes in a sport, but rather only for those student athletes who received financial assistance tied to their participation in athletics. In addition to the disclosure requirements, institutions that award athletically related aid are required to report the completion rate data to the U.S. Secretary of Education by July 1, 1993.

Prince George's Community College does not have football or cross-country or track programs. It does field teams and provide athletically related aid in men's and women's basketball, men's baseball, women's softball, plus soccer (men), bowling (men and women), volleyball (women), and cheerleading (women). The latter four sports are included in the "all other sports" category. Most of the awards are in the $100-200 range, and are allocated by an Athletic Scholarship Committee in accordance with Administrative Procedure 22.

Completion rate data were available for two cohorts of students receiving athletically related aid at PGCC: students athletes entering in 1989-90 and those entering in 1990-91. Data for earlier cohorts were incomplete and judged inadequate. Inclusion of the 1990-91 cohort, though not required until July 1994, was included at this time to provide as much information as possible. The total number of awards given in any given year is not large (42 in 1989-90, 71 in 1990-91), so all available data were included to maximize the number of students in each category in an effort to produce the most reliable estimates of completion rates possible.

The highest completion rates were achieved by men receiving aid to play basketball or baseball. Eighty percent of these athletes had graduated or transferred to a senior institution within three years of their entry to PGCC. The sports category with the lowest completion rate was the women's "all other sports" group, which had a completion rate of 47 percent. This was nearly twice the average completion rate for all degree-seeking students in the 1986-89 cohorts. Based on the information currently available, it appears that students who receive athletically-related aid at PGCC attain completion rates considerably higher than students generally.

Student Right to Know Completion Rates Full-time Students Receiving Athletically Related Aid Average of 1989-90 and 1990-91 Cohorts					
Sport	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	Total
Basketball Men	80% (15)				80% (15)
Basketball Women	67% (3)			63% (8)	64% (11)
Baseball Men	100% (2)			77% (13)	80% (15)
Softball Women				75% (28)	75% (28)
All Others Men	100% (1)		33% (3)	64% (25)	62% (29)
All Others Women	0% (7)			88% (8)	47% (15)

Completion rates are expressed as percentages in the above table. The smaller numbers in parentheses below the percentages are the numbers of athletes in each category upon which the percentages are based. For example, the 13 white male baseball players receiving aid achieved a completion rate of 77 percent.

Appendices

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- Baseball, Males
- Softball, Females
- All Other Sports, Males

Completion Rates, 1990-91 Athletes Receiving Aid

- Basketball, Males
- Basketball, Females
- Baseball, Males
- Softball, Females
- All Other Sports, Males
- All Other Sports, Females

1986 ALL DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Foreign		Black		Nat.Am.		Asian		Hispanic		White		
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT	17	5	189	294	4	2	41	37	10	15	330	330	1274
TOTAL GRADUATES	0	1	2	18	0	0	1	0	1	1	26	52	102
Persisters	4	0	25	61	0	1	10	14	3	1	63	54	236
Transfers to 2 year	1	0	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	9	26
TRANSFERS TO 4 YEAR	0	0	14	35	0	0	7	14	1	2	74	86	233
Attrition/unknown	12	4	144	176	4	1	22	9	5	10	161	129	677
TOTAL GRADS/TRANS 4	0	1	16	53	0	0	8	14	2	3	100	138	335
CONGRESSIONAL RATE	0%	20%	8%	18%	0%	0%	20%	38%	20%	20%	30%	42%	26%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1987 ALL DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Foreign		Black		Nat.Am.		Asian		Hispanic		White		
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT	11	10	179	228	0	3	13	24	12	6	214	228	928
TOTAL GRADUATES	0	0	7	8	NA	0	1	1	0	0	13	41	71
Persisters	2	1	37	45	NA	1	1	6	2	1	41	40	177
Transfers to 2 year	0	0	3	3	NA	0	1	0	0	0	10	10	27
TRANSFERS TO 4 YEAR	1	1	11	23	NA	1	2	7	2	2	47	49	146
Attrition/unknown	8	8	121	149	NA	1	8	10	8	3	103	88	507
TOTAL GRADS/TRANS 4	1	1	18	31	NA	1	3	8	2	2	60	90	217
CONGRESSIONAL RATE	9%	10%	10%	14%	NA	33%	23%	33%	17%	33%	28%	39%	23%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
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1988 ALL DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Foreign		Black		Nat.Am.		Asian		Hispanic		White		
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT	5	7	185	280	1	4	27	22	15	21	223	262	1052
TOTAL GRADUATES	0	0	2	10	0	0	1	1	1	1	15	40	71
Persisters	0	0	32	65	0	3	7	6	3	5	37	45	203
Transfers to 2 year	0	0	2	5	0	0	3	1	1	0	12	12	36
TRANSFERS TO 4 YEAR	1	1	16	19	0	0	6	6	2	2	48	69	170
Attrition/unknown	4	6	133	181	1	1	10	8	8	13	111	96	572
TOTAL GRADS/TRANS 4	1	1	18	29	0	0	7	7	3	3	63	109	241
CONGRESSIONAL RATE	20%	14%	10%	10%	0%	0%	26%	32%	20%	14%	28%	42%	23%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
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1989 ALL DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Foreign		Black		Nat.Am.		Asian		Hispanic		White		
	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	Men	Wom	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT	8	2	179	247	2	5	29	33	16	14	178	205	918
TOTAL GRADUATES	0	1	4	7	0	0	1	3	1	1	10	27	55
Persisters	1	0	37	57	0	0	9	6	5	3	33	32	183
Transfers to 2 year	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	8	11	28
TRANSFERS TO 4 YEAR	1	0	23	17	0	0	12	10	5	2	50	63	183
Attrition/unknown	6	1	113	163	2	3	7	12	5	8	77	72	469
TOTAL GRADS/TRANS 4	1	1	27	24	0	0	13	13	6	3	60	90	238
CONGRESSIONAL RATE	13%	50%	15%	10%	0%	0%	45%	39%	38%	21%	34%	44%	26%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
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Student Right to Know Completion Rates
Full-time Students Receiving Athletically Related Aid
1989-90

Sport	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	Total
Basketball Men	57% (7)				57% (7)
Basketball Women	0% (1)			60% (5)	50% (6)
Baseball Men	100% (1)			33% (3)	50% (4)
Softball Women				54% (13)	54% (13)
All Others Men			100% (1)	64% (11)	67% (12)

1989-90 BASKETBALL: MALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	7	0	0	0	7
Certificate recipients	0				0
Associate degree grads	1				1
TOTAL GRADUATES:	1	0	0	0	1
Persisters	1				1
Transfers to 2 year	0				0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:	3				3
Attrition/unknown	2				2
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	4	0	0	0	4
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	57%	NA	NA	NA	57%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1989-90 BASKETBALL: FEMALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	1	0	0	5	6
Certificate recipients	0			0	0
Associate degree grads	0			2	2
TOTAL GRADUATES:	0	0	0	2	2
Persisters	1			1	2
Transfers to 2 year	0			0	0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:	0			1	1
Attrition/unknown	0			1	1
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	0	0	0	3	3
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	0%	NA	NA	60%	50%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1989-90 BASEBALL: MALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	1	0	0	3	4
Certificate recipients	0			0	0
Associate degree grads	0			0	0
TOTAL GRADUATES:	0	0	0	0	0
Persisters	0			1	1
Transfers to 2 year	0			0	0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:	1			1	2
Attrition/unknown	0			1	1
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	1	0	0	1	2
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	100%	NA	NA	33%	50%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1989-90 SOFTBALL: FEMALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	0	0	0	13	13
Certificate recipients				0	0
Associate degree grads				6	6
TOTAL GRADUATES:	0	0	0	6	6
Persisters				3	3
Transfers to 2 year				0	0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:				1	1
Attrition/unknown				3	3
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	0	0	0	7	7
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	NA	NA	NA	54%	54%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1989-90 ALL OTHER SPORTS: MALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	0	0	1	11	12
Certificate recipients			0	0	0
Associate degree grads			0	2	2
TOTAL GRADUATES:	0	0	0	2	2
Persisters			0	1	1
Transfers to 2 year			0	0	0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:			1	5	6
Attrition/unknown			0	3	3
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	0	0	1	7	8
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	NA	NA	100%	64%	67%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

Student Right to Know Completion Rates
Full-time Students Receiving Athletically Related Aid
1990-91

Sport	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	Total
Basketball Men	100% (8)				100% (8)
Basketball Women	100% (2)			67% (3)	80% (5)
Baseball Men	100% (1)			90% (10)	91% (11)
Softball Women				93% (15)	93% (15)
All Others Men	100% (1)		0% (2)	64% (14)	59% (17)
All Others Women	0% (7)			88% (8)	47% (15)

1990-91 BASKETBALL: MALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	8	0	0	0	8
Certificate recipients	0				0
Associate degree grads	1				1
TOTAL GRADUATES:	1	0	0	0	1
Persisters	0				0
Transfers to 2 year	0				0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:	7				7
Attrition/unknown	0				0
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	8	0	0	0	8
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	100%	NA	NA	NA	100%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1990-91 BASKETBALL: FEMALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	2	0	0	3	5
Certificate recipients	0			0	0
Associate degree grads	0			1	1
TOTAL GRADUATES:	0	0	0	1	1
Persisters	0			0	0
Transfers to 2 year	0			0	0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:	2			1	3
Attrition/unknown	0			1	1
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	2	0	0	2	4
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	100%	NA	NA	67%	80%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1990-91 BASEBALL: MALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	1	0	0	10	11
Certificate recipients	0			0	0
Associate degree grads	0			3	3
TOTAL GRADUATES:	0	0	0	3	3
Persisters	0			0	0
Transfers to 2 year	0			0	0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:	1			6	7
Attrition/unknown	0			1	1
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	1	0	0	9	10
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	100%	NA	NA	90%	91%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1990-91 SOFTBALL: FEMALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	0	0	0	15	15
Certificate recipients				0	0
Associate degree grads				10	10
TOTAL GRADUATES:	0	0	0	10	10
Persisters				1	1
Transfers to 2 year				0	0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:				4	4
Attrition/unknown				0	0
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	0	0	0	14	14
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	NA	NA	NA	93%	93%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1990-91 ALL OTHER SPORTS: MALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	1	0	2	14	17
Certificate recipients	0		0	0	0
Associate degree grads	1		0	3	4
TOTAL GRADUATES:	1	0	0	3	4
Persisters	0		2	4	6
Transfers to 2 year	0		0	0	0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:	0		0	6	6
Attrition/unknown	0		0	1	1
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	1	0	0	9	10
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	100%	NA	0%	64%	59%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.

1990-91 ALL OTHER SPORTS: FEMALES

Student Right to Know Completion Rates

	Black	Asian	Hispanic	White	TOTAL
TOTAL IN COHORT:	7	0	0	8	15
Certificate recipients	0			0	0
Associate degree grads	0			2	2
TOTAL GRADUATES:	0	0	0	2	2
Persisters	4			0	4
Transfers to 2 year	0			0	0
TRANSFERS TO FOUR-YEAR:	0			5	5
Attrition/unknown	3			1	4
TOTAL GRADS/TRANSFERS UP:	0	0	0	7	7
CONGRESSIONAL RATE:	0%	NA	NA	88%	47%

Note: Transfer totals reflect non-graduates who transferred.
A graduate who transferred is not counted under transfer.
Thus the total transferring may be higher than reported.